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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend CLAIM 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An improved hydraulic gear pump adapted to be mounted in an enclosed cavity; said pump comprising a gear housing and means on either side of the housing, along a longitudinal axis,

a pair of intermeshing gears in the gear housing carried by a drive shaft and an idler shaft said drive shaft being drivingly connected to the intermeshing gears and parallel to said axis, whereby movement of said gears in intermeshing relationship creates the internal fluid pressure within said pump,

said means, on each side being hydraulically clamped to each side of gear housing by the pumps generated pressure of the fluid surrounding the pump in the cavity,

said outside pressurized axial area being larger than the inside pressurized axial area of the means.

Please amend CLAIM 2 as follows:

CLAIM 2 (Amended)

A gear pump consisting of front and rear covers, gear housing and a pair of gears placed axially along a drive and idler shaft adapted to be placed in a closed cavity containing fluid thereby surrounded by the pumps generated pressure holding the pump together axially by forcing the end covers against the gear housing, said drive shaft protrudes through the cavity at one end and a suction port is placed in the opposite end of the cavity.